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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 13 and 25 have been rejected.

Claims 2-12 and 14-24 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 13 and 25 have been amended in this submission.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Claims 2 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Voluntary Amendments

Applicant voluntarily amended claims 3, 4, 15, and 16 to conform the reference number of such claims with reference to the amendments made in this submission.

Since these amendments were not made for reasons of patentability and do not narrow the scope of the respective claims, these amendments are not subject to the complete bar against the use of the doctrine of equivalents as outlined in *Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinsoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co. Ltd.*

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Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 2-12 and 14-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has cancelled claims 2 and 14. Applicant's amendment to independent claims 1, 13, and 25 make such independent claims allowable.

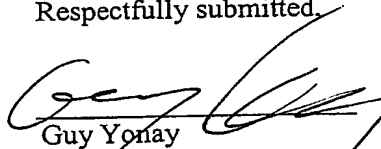
Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 2-12 and 14-24 of the subject application based on the distinctions enumerated in the "Allowable Subject Matter". Applicant agrees, without prejudice, that these distinctions provide sufficient basis for allowance of the now pending claims; however, Applicant respectfully submits that there may be alternative and/or additional patentable distinctions between the claimed invention and the cited prior art, related or unrelated to those explicitly addressed in the "Allowable Subject Matter".

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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of these Amendments, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 05-0649.

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